

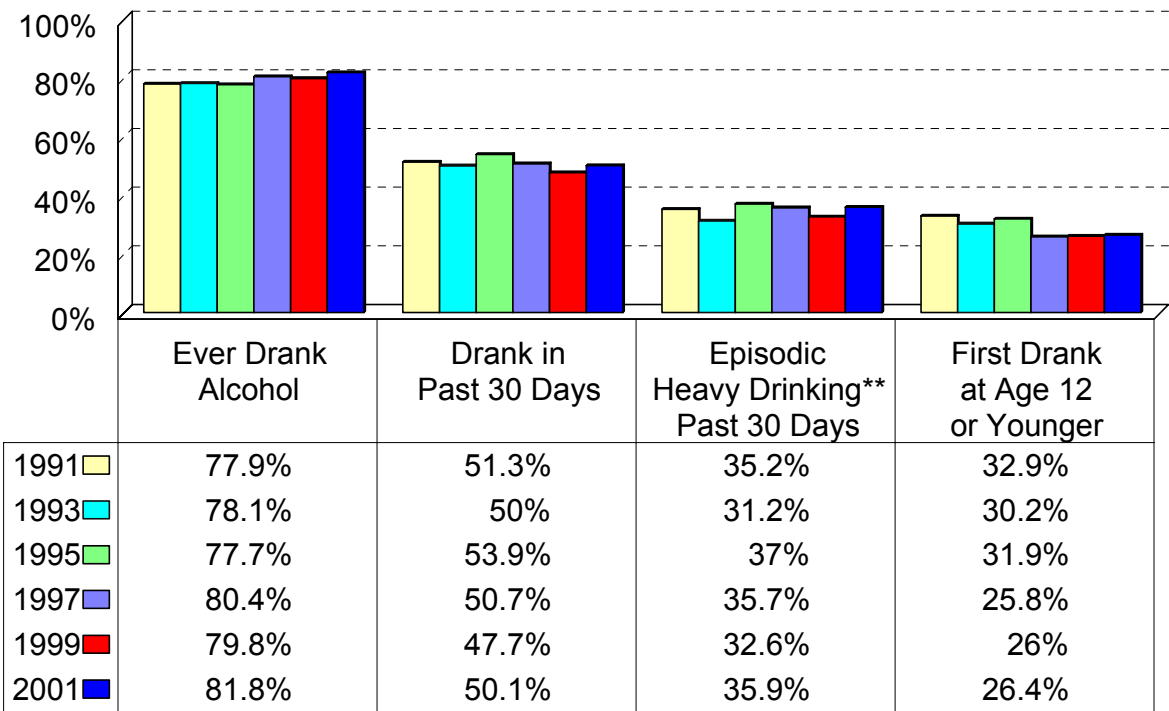
# Alcohol

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey includes questions on drinking history, age at first use, current alcohol use, heavy drinking, drinking and driving, alcohol use prior to sex, and drinking on school property. The survey specifies to students that drinking alcohol “includes drinking beer, wine, wine coolers, and liquor such as rum, gin, vodka, or whiskey” and “does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes.”

## Highlights

Eight out of every ten (81.86%) teens reported ever drinking alcohol. Half of them (50%) reported drinking in the past 30 days prior to the survey and 35.9% reported episodic heavy drinking (Five drink at one sitting) at the same time. Approximately 26.4% had first drink at age 12 or younger.

Figure 1: Alcohol Consumption\*  
High School Students

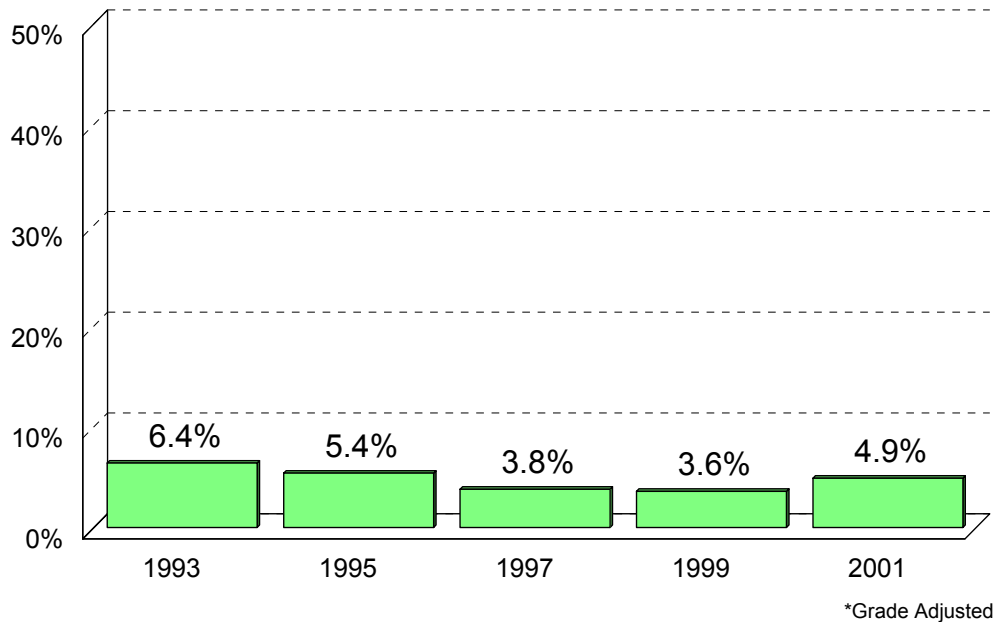


\*\* Five drinks at one sitting

\*Grade Adjusted

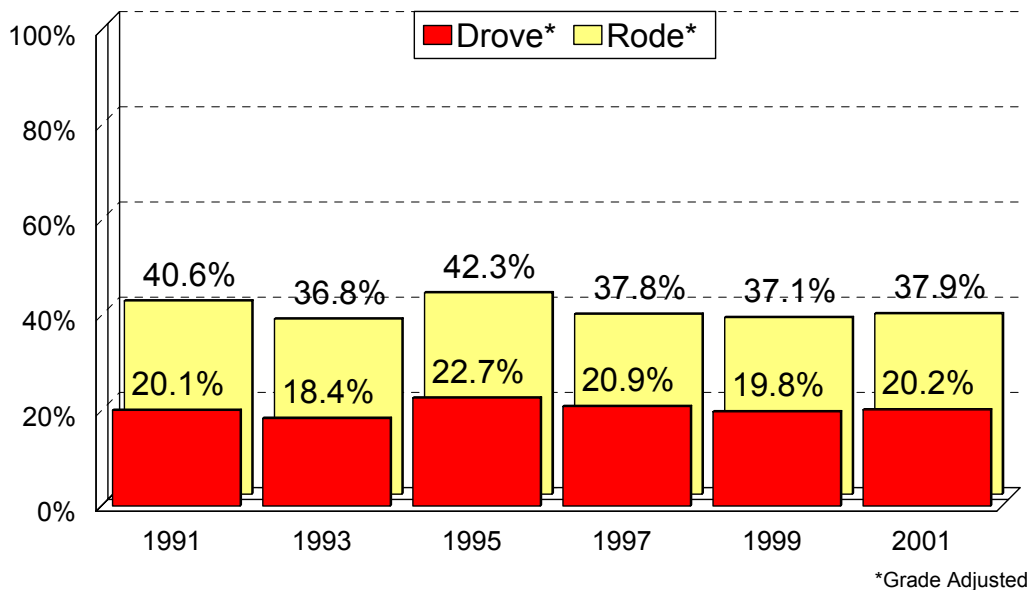
- L About 5% of teens reported drinking on school property during the past 30 days indicating a slight increase from the 1999 survey year.

**Figure 2: Alcohol Consumption On School Property\***  
High School Students, Reported During the Past 30 Days



- L Proportion of teens driving after drinking or riding in a car driven by someone who had been drinking did not show any significant change since 1997.

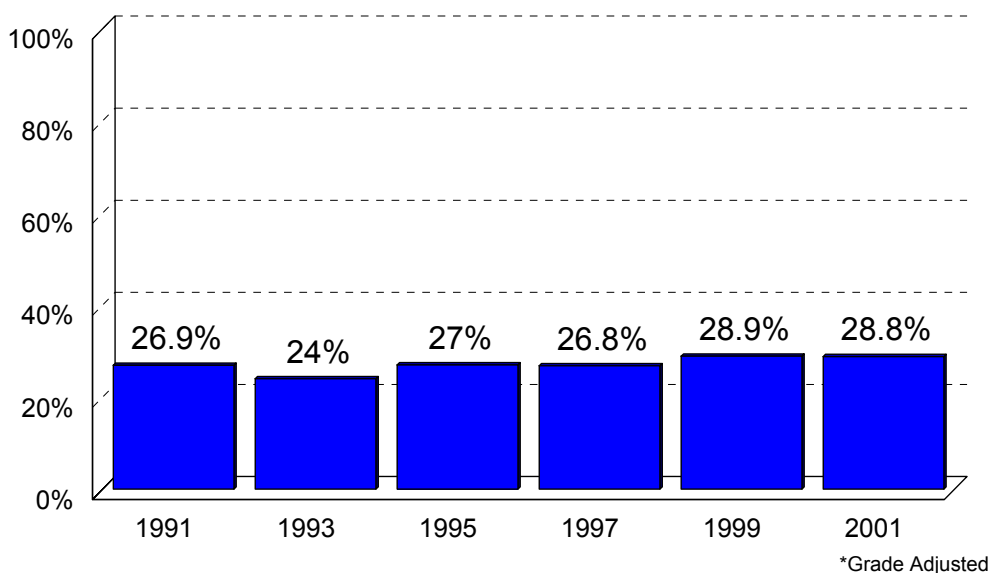
**Figure 3: "Drunk Driving"\***  
High School Students Who Reported That During the Past 30 Days  
They Drove After Drinking and Rode With Someone Drinking



- L Among high school students who reported having sex, 28.8 % drank alcohol or used drug prior to last sexual intercourse.

**Figure 4: Alcohol or Drug Use Prior to Last Sexual Intercourse\***

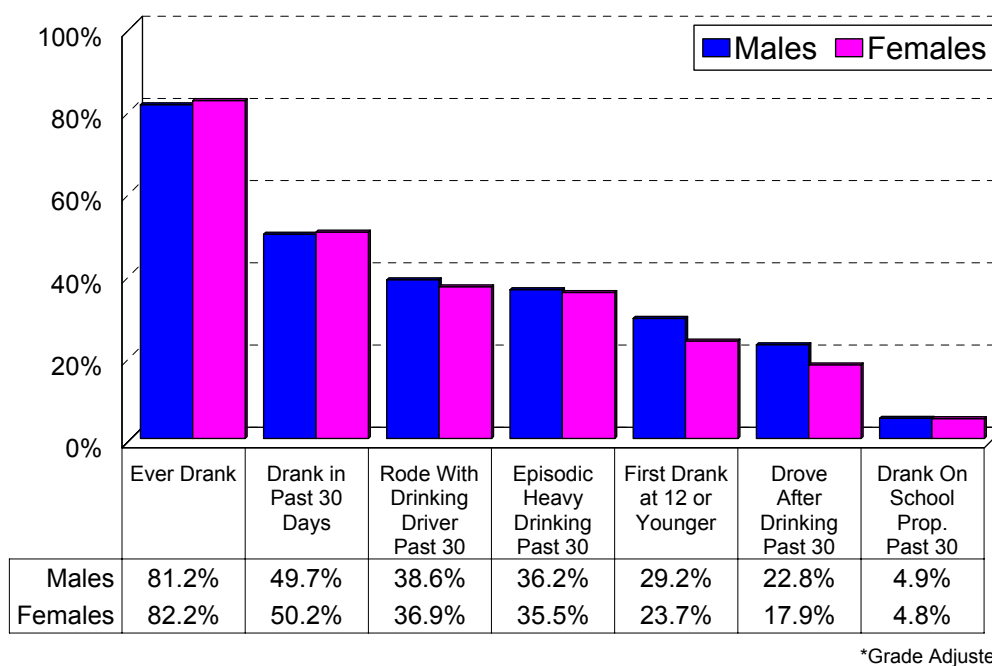
High School Students Who Reported Having Had Sex



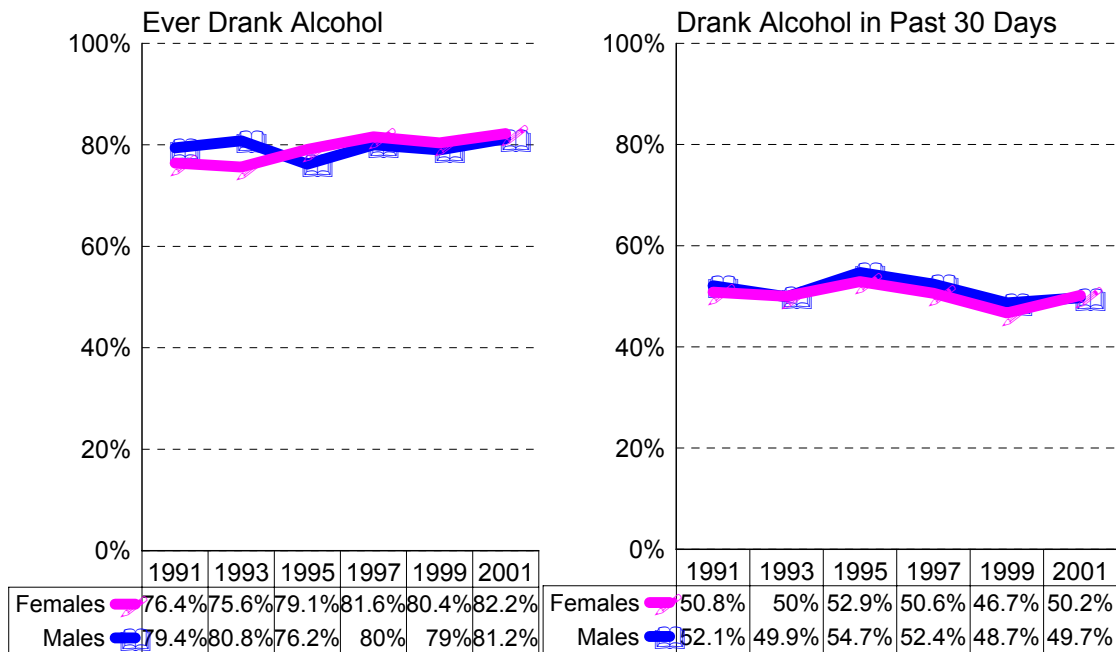
- L Figure 5,6,7,8 & 9 shows alcohol consumption, age of first alcohol consumption, episodic heavy drinking, drinking and driving, and drinking on school property by gender of the survey respondents.

**Figure 5: Alcohol Consumption\***

2001 High School Students

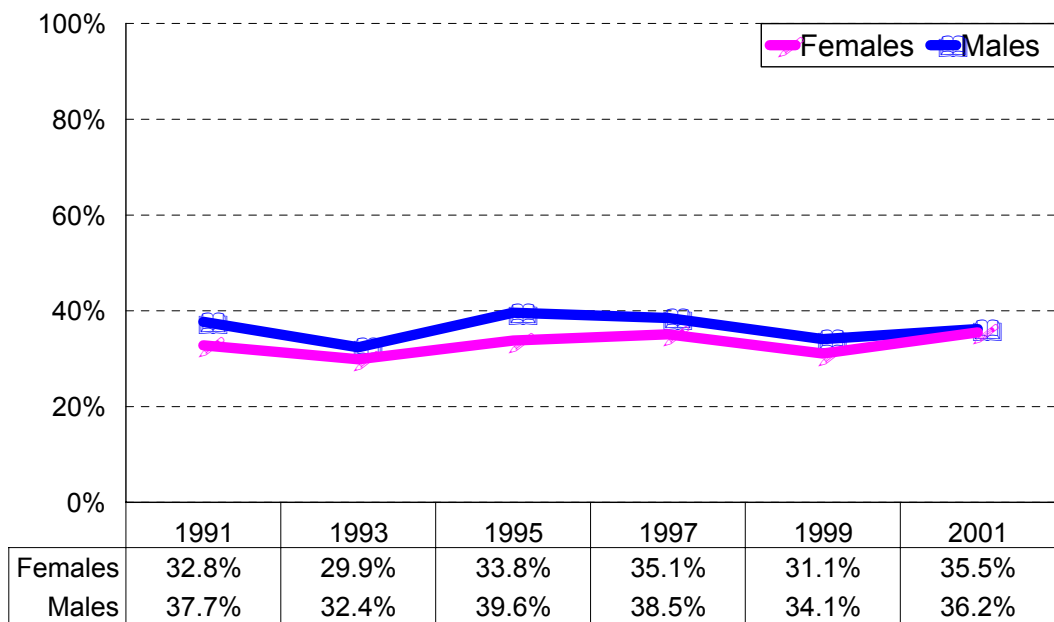


**Figure 6: Ever/Recently Drank Alcohol\***  
High School Students



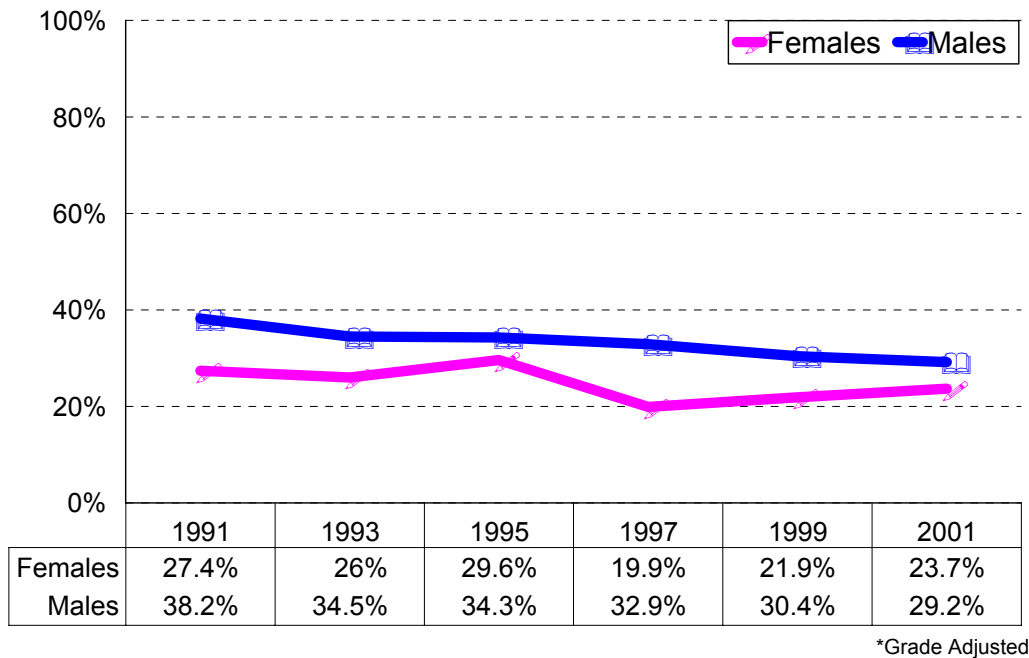
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**Figure 7: Episodic Heavy Drinking\***  
High School Students Who Reported Drinking 5+ Drinks In One Sitting  
During the Past 30 Days

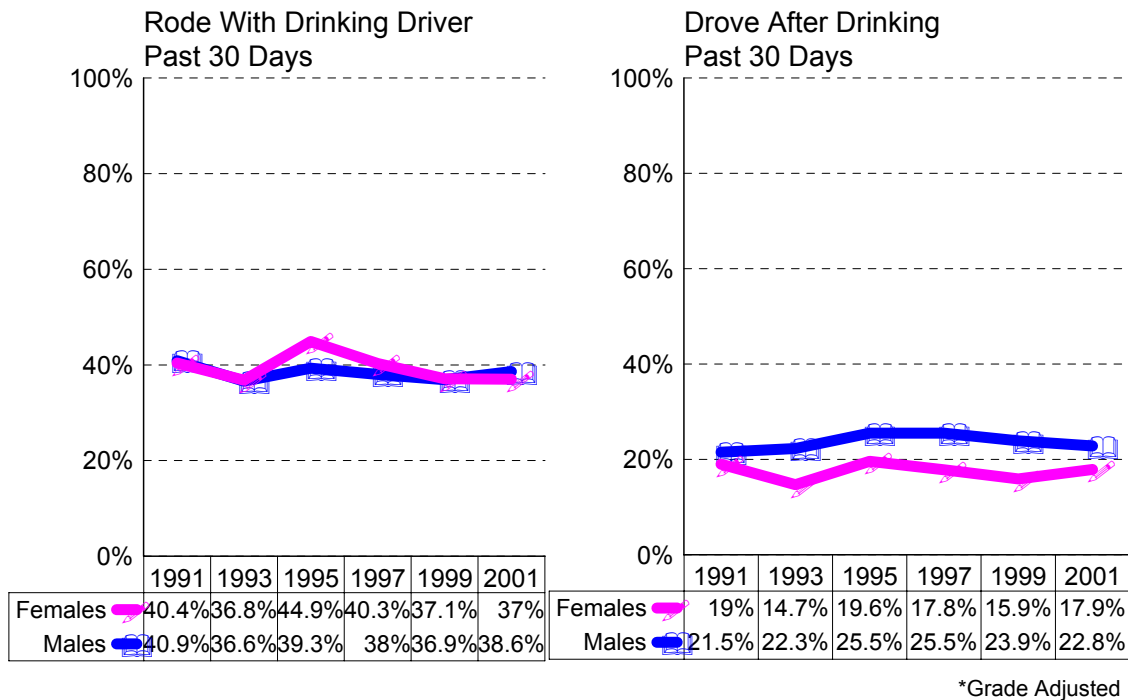


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**Figure 8: First Alcohol Consumption\***  
 High School Students Who Reported Their First Drink  
 of Alcohol ("Other Than a Few Sips") at 12 or Younger

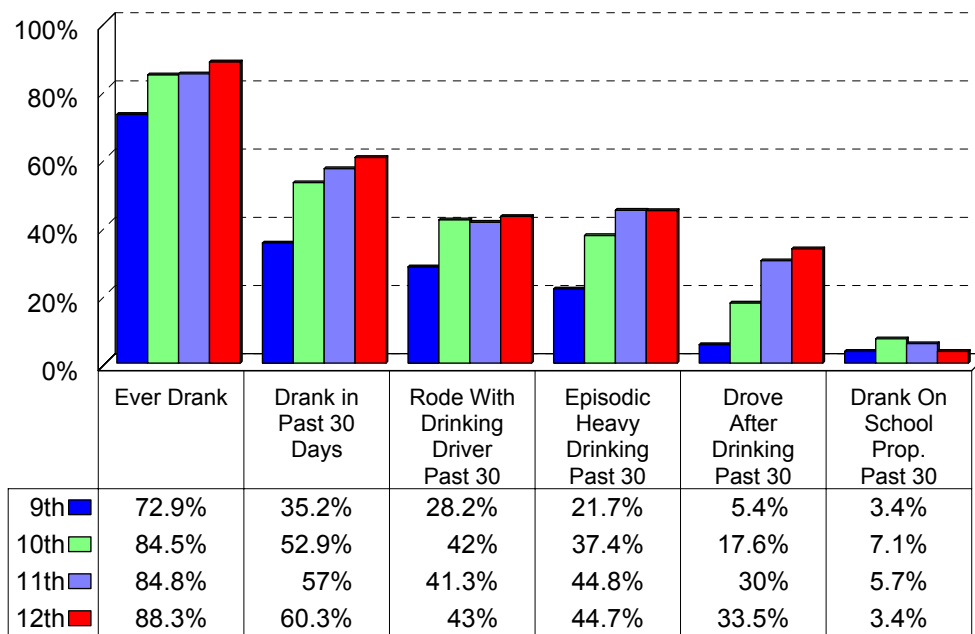


**Figure 9: "Drunk Driving"\***  
 High School Students

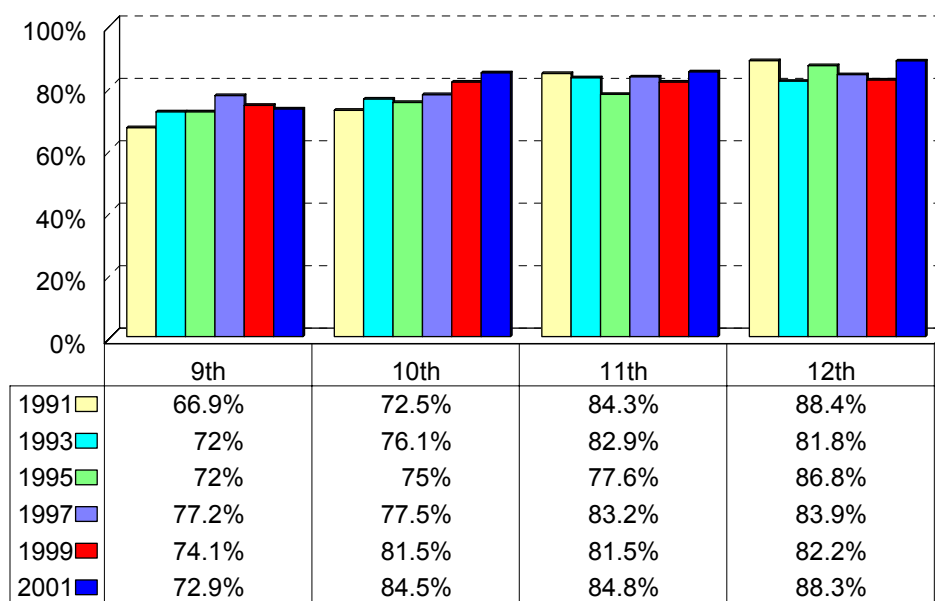


L During the 1990s and in 2001, teens in older grades were more likely than those in younger grades to report alcohol consumption. For all alcohol indicators, there was little discernible increase or decrease over time within individual grades (Figs. 10-13).

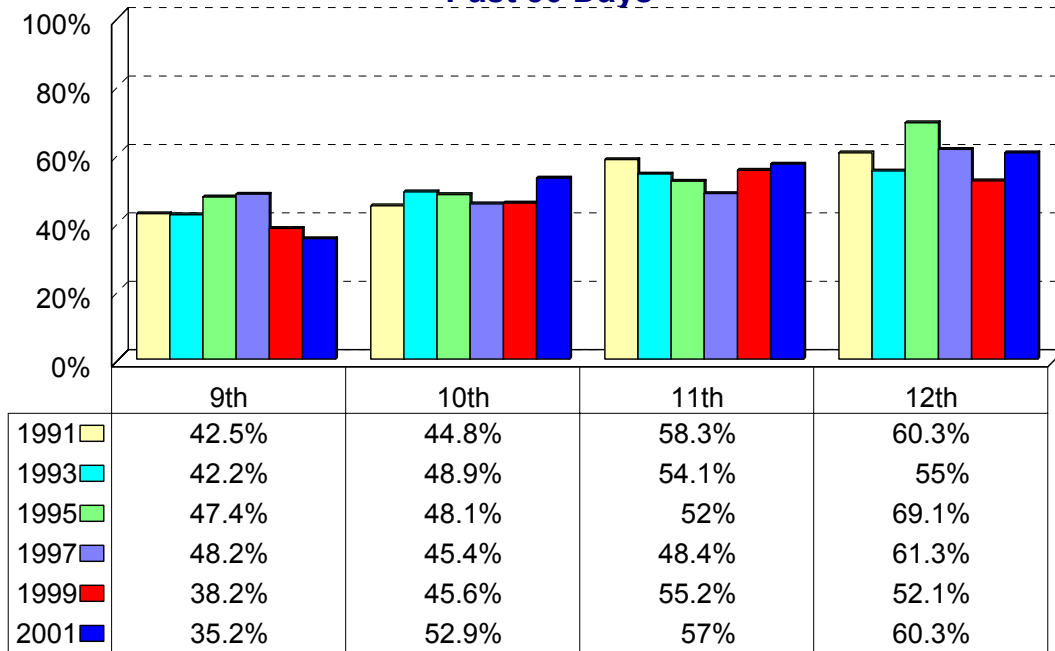
**Figure 10: Alcohol Consumption by Grade**  
2001 High School Students



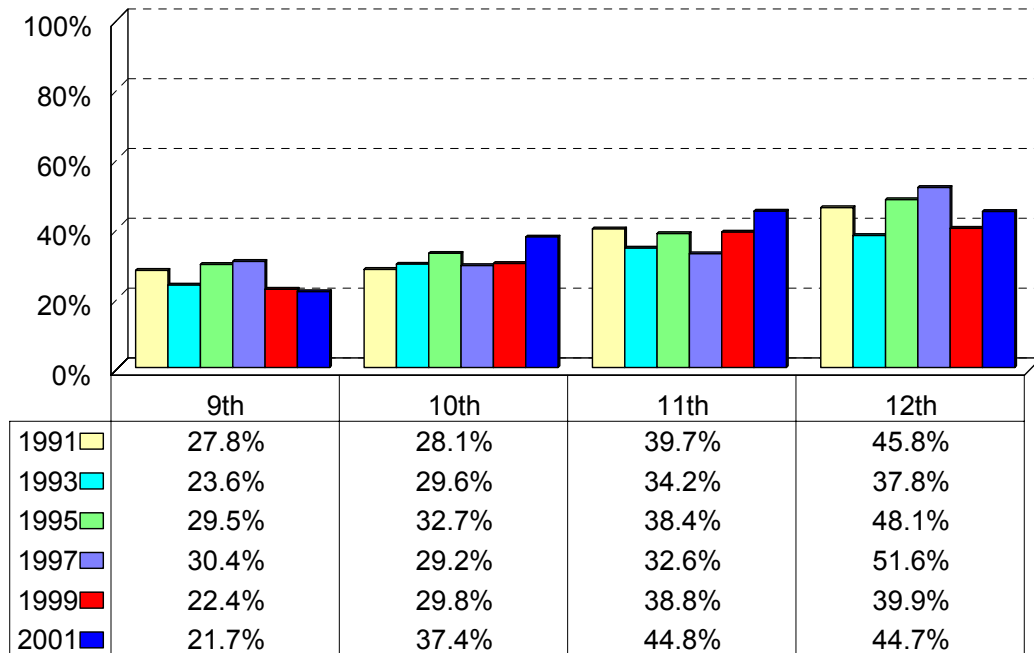
**Figure 11: Ever Drank by Grade**  
High School Students Who Reported Ever Drinking Alcohol, other than a few sips, During Their Lifetime



**Figure 12: Alcohol Consumption by Grade  
High School Students Who Reported Drinking Alcohol During the  
Past 30 Days**

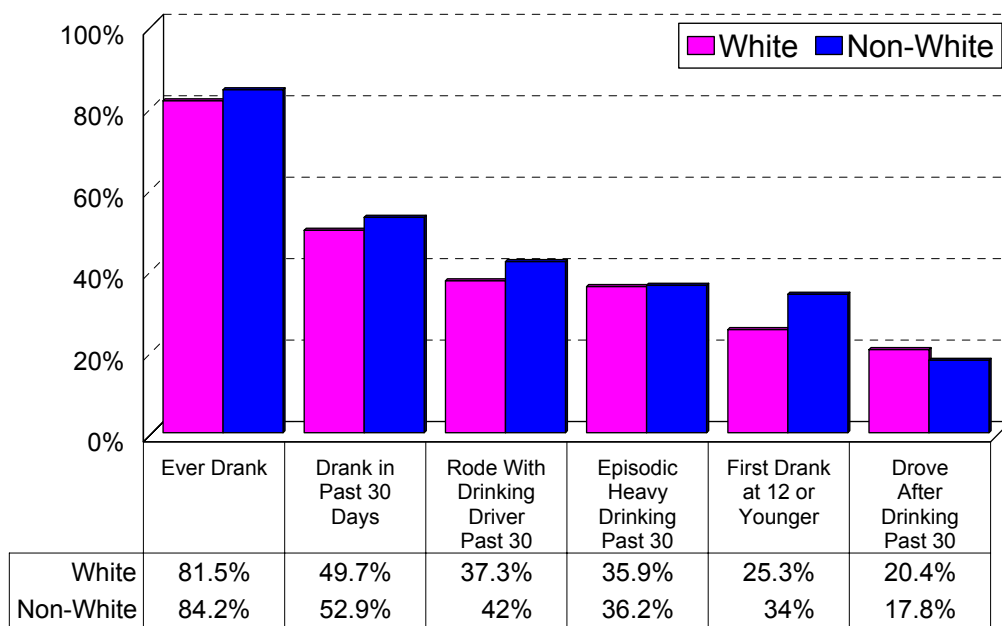


**Figure 13: Episodic Heavy Drinking by Grade  
High School Students Who Reported Drinking 5+ Drinks In One  
Sitting During the Past 30 Days**



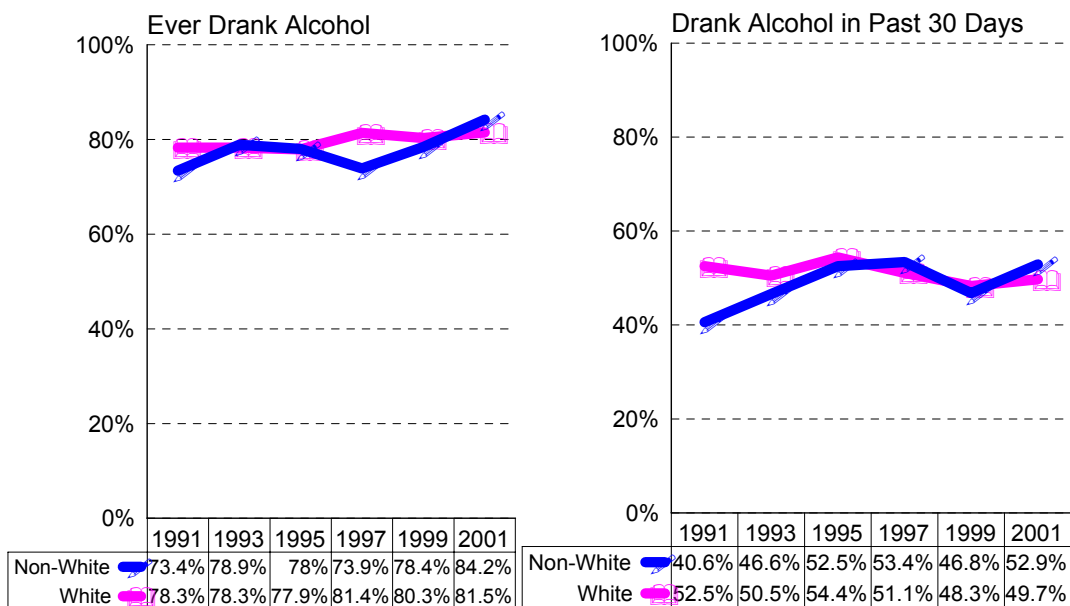
L In 2001, proportion of white and non-white teens reporting alcohol consumption did not show any significant difference (Figure 14 & 15). However, more non-white than white teens reported first alcohol consumption at 12 years or younger.

**Figure 14: Alcohol Consumption\***  
2001 High School Students



\*Grade Adjusted

**Figure 15: Ever/Recently Drank Alcohol\***  
High School Students

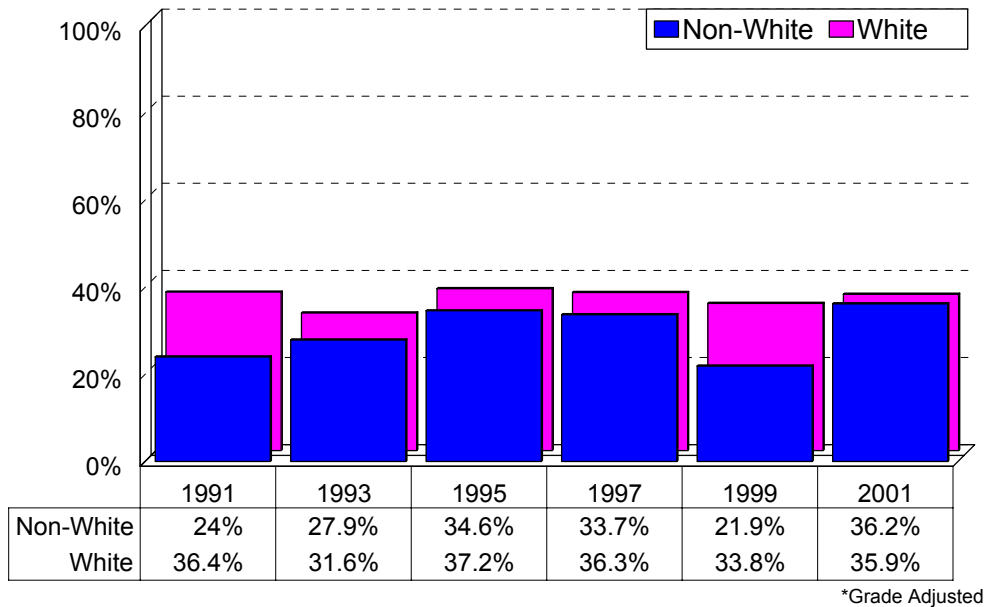


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In 2001, over one-third of white (35.9%) and non-white (36.2%) teen respondents reported episodic heavy drinking (5 or more drinking in one sitting) in the month prior to the survey.

**Figure 16: Episodic Heavy Drinking\***  
High School Students Who Reported Drinking 5+ Drinks In One Sitting During the Past 30 Days



Non-whites (33.9%) were more likely to first consume alcohol at 12 or younger than whites (25.3%). Higher trend for non-whites was also observed in other survey years.

**Figure 17: First Alcohol Consumption\***  
High School Students Who Reported First Consuming Alcohol, other than a few sips, at 12 or Younger

